

NC Aquaculture Association Board Meeting
Aug 6, 2008
Pitt County Cooperative Extension Service

Attendees: Matt Parker, Marion Tinney, Al Tinney, George Sullivan, Sterling Davenport, Randy Gray, Nancy Sugg, Dale Pridgen, Ricky Smith, Robert Bishop, William Small, Phil Hamilton

Matt Parker called the meeting to order at 1:10

Matt Parker passed out the minutes from the last meeting for review. George Sullivan motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sterling Davenport, 2nd. Passed

William Small gave the financial report.

Beginning bank balance for period Jan 11-Aug 5, 2008- \$2741.30

Income for period \$5450

Expenses for period \$2685.21

Current bank balance is \$5,506.09

Annual Meeting at NC Aquaculture Development Conference

Meeting Speaker

The group decided they would like a speaker at the annual meeting to discuss current and future water issues in NC. Matt Parker will contact someone for the talk.

Silent Auction

We will hold a silent auction this year as a fundraiser for the association. Matt Parker would like a minimum of 10 items for the auction. These can be farm product or gift certificates for popular stores such as Bass Pro or Cabelas. Matt Parker will work with Dennis DeLong to solicit items from tradeshow vendors.

New Business

Phil Hamilton- Phil represents Mt Olive College's Agribusiness Center. They would like to offer their services to current association members and potential fish farmers in NC. The Agribusiness Center can work closely to help people develop and write business and marketing plans. Phil can be reached by email at phamilton@moc.edu or by phone at 919-736-7893.

Robert Bishop- Robert updated us on the progress of his abalone project. He also told us about the abalone workshop he is offering in Sept. Please contact Robert if you are interested in this workshop. Robert can be reached by email at rbapmf@gmail.com.

Sterling Davenport- Sterling told us about a recent article in Coast Watch Magazine about invasive species in NC. Several aquaculture species such as Red Swamp

Crawfish and Goldfish were pictured in the article. NCAA will contact NC Sea Grant about this article and it's inclusion of species the state is promoting for aquaculture.

It was requested that Matt Parker send out a current membership list to all current members.

Old Business

Friend of the Farmer Award. George Sullivan motioned we begin presenting the Friend of the Farmer Award again at the NC Aquaculture Development Conference. Sterling Davenport 2nd the motion. It passed. We will look into past recipients to try and prevent duplication.

Next meeting will be held at the Pitt County Cooperative Extension Center on Wed. Dec 3 at 1pm.